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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2003

Mr. BUYER (for himself and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the Expedition-Six crew of the International Space Station, Commander Ken Bowersox, Flight Engineer Nikolai Budarin, and NASA ISS Science Officer Don Pettit, for their contributions in furthering scientific discovery for the world, and welcoming them back home to Earth.

Whereas the Expedition-Six Crew includes Commander Ken Bowersox of Bedford, Indiana, NASA ISS Science Officer Dr. Don Pettit of Silverton, Oregon, and Flight Engineer Nikolai Budarin of Kirya, Chuvashia (Russia);

Whereas the Expedition-Six Crew departed for the International Space Station on November 23, 2002, and docked on November 25, 2002;

Whereas the crew conducted numerous experiments on space flight, physical sciences, bioastronautics research, and space product development;

Whereas the crew participated in the 25th spacewalk based out of the International Space Station;

Whereas the crew enriched the lives of thousands of students through videoconferencing and other communications with classrooms around the world;

Whereas due to the tragedy of the Columbia shuttle, the crew's March return date was delayed indefinitely;

Whereas after 159 days in orbit the crew left the International Space Station aboard a Russian Soyuz TMA-1 spacecraft on Saturday, May 3, 2003, and returned to earth the following morning on Sunday, May 4, 2003; and

Whereas the landing marks the first time a United States astronaut has landed using a Russian spacecraft: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) welcomes home the courageous and brave
4 crew of the Expedition-Six of the International
5 Space Station, and applauds their efforts to further
6 scientific discovery to the benefit of the entire world;

7 (2) thanks the National Aeronautics and Space
8 Administration for a job well done;

1 (3) recognizes the exemplary efforts of the Rus-
2 sian space program in bringing the astronauts home;
3 and

4 (4) applauds this example of the cooperation of
5 the United States and Russia for the benefit of the
6 world.

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